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Applicant : Zhu, et al.
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 20, 2004

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully respond to the October 20, 2004 Final Office Action as set forth below. Claims 2-22 remain in the present application after entry of the present amendment. Claims 23-34 were previously cancelled in accordance with an earlier election of species.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.